(b) The International Assistance committed to ONGC Ltd. for its various development schemes during the 8th Five Year Plan Period is given below:-

	Rs/crores
Institutional loan	3521.54
Supplier/buyers credit	2774.88
World Bank relending by Government of India	464.00
	6760.42

As regards OIL for their oil and gas exploration development and production functions, the World Bank has committed a loan of US $ 140 million in 1987.

(c) Two rounds of offers of discovered fields have been made so far. Blocks for exploration are also being offered on a continuous round-the-year basis. Currently, the Seventh Round of bidding for exploration blocks is in progress, with bids for the 45 blocks offered to be put in by 30th June, 1994. Incentives offered for both the exploration blocks and discovered fields include a concessional rate of corporate tax, payment of international price for the companies' share of oil, exemption from customs duty and pricing of gas produced on internationally accepted principles.

Recruitment of sepoys in RPF

7831. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recruitment test to the grade of sepoyes in RPF was held in May, 1993 in Shakurbasti, Delhi and interview took place at Lucknow thereafter;

(b) whether Government are aware that large scale money power played game in the selection of sepoys;

(c) whether it is also a fact that persons not upto requisite physical standards were also selected;

(d) whether the norms for selecting and giving preference to candidate belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes were observed;

(c) if so, the number of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes candidates finally selected together with the total number of recruits; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Physical Efficiency Test for recruitment of Constables in RPF was held at Lucknow and Delhi from March to June, 1993 and the written test of candidates was held at Dayabasti, Delhi on 10.6.93. Interview/viva-voce tests were held at Lucknow.

(b) It is not factually correct. No candidate has complained in this respect.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Total number of candidates empanelled are 587 out of these 121 are SCs and 25 STs.

(f) Does not arise.

Expansion of Elephant Bridge in Secunderabad

7832. DR. ALLADI P. RAJAKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Elephant Bridge in Secunderabad is being expanded;

(b) if so, what is the cost;

(c) what is State Government's involvement in its expansion; and

(d) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) State Government has approached the railway for widening of Olephant Bridge at Secunderabad. The proposal is being jointly examined to find the most cost effective solution. Only after